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(c) There is no direct recruitment of Executive Engineers. They belong to the All-India Service and are recruited by the Secretary of State first as Assistant Executive Engineers and are promoted to the rank of Executive Engineers.

One post of Assistant Executive Engineer was filled up by promotion of an Assistant Engineer in 1931.

Veterinary

Proposals for the extension of the course of study and the affiliation of the Veterinary College to the University.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state what action has been taken in regard to the extension of the veterinary course to a period of five years and the affiliation of the Veterinary College to the University?

A.—A proposal for the introduction of the Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree Course extending to ten terms (three years and one academic term) at the Madras Veterinary College from July 1935 was sanctioned by Government; but the course has not been introduced as the Inspection Commission appointed by the Madras University to inspect the College made some recommendations which involved further expenditure requiring Government sanction, before the University could be asked to affiliate the College. The recommendations of the Inspection Commission are under the consideration of Government. There is no proposal to extend the course to a period of five years.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know what expenditure is required for carrying out the recommendations of the Inspection Commission?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"About Rs. 4,500."

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"In view of this small sum that is required, may I know why Government should take further time to consider this matter?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—"The matter is under consideration. I believe this has been considered as a Part II scheme for 1936–37."

Local Self-Government

Protests against the constitution of Udipi into a municipality.

* 601 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many representations and objections have been received by the Government against the proposal to constitute Udipi into a municipality after the publication of the preliminary notification in the Gazette; and